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THURSDAY, JULY 4th, 1872.

National Union Republican Nomination.

For President.

ULYSSES S. GRANT, of Illinois.

For Vice President.

HENRY WILSON, of Massachusetts.

THE STATE CONVENTION.

The Union Republican State Convention, held at Montpelier June 26th, was the largest, and comprised of a great number of prominent men from every other convention held by the party in the State. The unfortunate middle that enveloped the Governor question was one reason for the large attendance and a closer fight is said to have witnessed in this State or any other.

Until a day or two before the convention it was supposed that John W. Stewart and Frederick Billings were the only candidates, but, on arriving at Montpelier it was found that Julius Converse would have enough votes to hold the balance of power. The Convention was called at 11 o'clock, Hon. Wm. G. Shaw of Burlington being elected presiding officer. While the committee on credentials were preparing to report Senator J. S. Morrill was called upon and made a very sound, sensible address on the situation, defending the administration and criticising the Greeley movement.

The following Vice Presidents were then elected:

Addison—Edward Seymour.

Bennington—J. K. Batchelder.

Caledonia—Calvin Morrill.

Chittenden—A. C. Welsh.

Essex—David H. Beatty.

Grand Isle—H. C. Hill.

Franklin—R. J. Saxe.

Lamoille—A. Cobleigh.

Orange—John Lynde.

Orleans—L. Richmond.

Rutland—N. T. Sprague.

Washington—A. K. Warren.

Windham—I. A. Nash.

Windsor—John Porter.

On motion of Col. Roswell Farnham, the chair appointed the following:

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Roswell Farnham, Bradford.

A. N. Swain, Bellows Falls.

James M. Slade, Middlebury.

H. H. Powers, Morrisville.

William Rounds, Chester.

On motion of Major Read and the Chair appointed the following:

COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE A STATE COMMITTEE.

Addison—Norman J. Allen, Ferrisburgh.

Bennington—D. K. Simonds, Manchester.

Caledonia—George Ide, Lyndon.

Chittenden—Henry N. Newell, Shelburne.

Essex—Charles E. Benton, Guilford.

Franklin—George A. Ballard, Fairfax.

Grand Isle—Asa Reynolds, Alburgh.

Lamoille—Asa B. Camp, Stowe.

Orleans—William W. Grout, Barton.

Orange—John B. Mead, Randolph.

Rutland—Martin G. Everts, Rutland.

Washington—William P. Dillingham, Waterbury.

Windham—Jacob Estey, Brattleboro.

Windsor—Luther O. Green, Woodstock.

The convention then adjourned until 1:30 p.m.

AFTERNOON.

Judge Allen of Ferrisburgh, from the Committee to nominate a State committee reported the names of the following persons to serve as State committee for the two years ensuing.

STATE COMMITTEE.

Gen. George W. Grandey, Vergennes. Col. Charles H. Joyce, Rutland. Dr. George Nichols, Northfield. Gen. Stephen Thomas, West Fairlee. Col. F. Fairbanks, St. Johnsbury. Maj. William Rounds, Chester. Gen. John L. Barstow, Burlington. Hon. George N. Dale, Island Pond. Col. Carroll S. Page, Hyde Park.

On motion of Gen. Grandey, the convention proceeded to the nomination of Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Treasurer.

Hon. J. M. Slade of Middlebury nominated John W. Stewart. Charles P. Marsh of Woodstock nominated Frederick Billings and Major Rounds of Chester nominated Julius Converse. The nominations were all duly seconded and short, pithy speeches were made by the gentlemen named and others.

The first ballot was then taken, amid great excitement; Messrs. Slade and Rounds, acting as tellers and resulted as follows:

Whole number of votes.	405
Necessary to a choice.	262
Frederick Billings.	181
John W. Stewart.	123
Julius Converse.	99

Mr. Slade arose and said it was apparent that there must be a surrender on some one's part, so he withdrew the name of Gov. Stewart and requested his friends to cast their votes for Converse.

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log, and Mr. Powers urged that Vermont always went solid, the vote declared unanimous—which was carried.

Bennington County was at nearly solid for Billings on both slates though no great dissatisfaction was felt at the nomination of Converse, who is well known as a gentleman of ability and integrity.

The candidates for Lieutenant Governor were Russell S. Taft of Burlington and Henry Clark of Rutland. The first ballot was as follows:

Whole number of votes.	579
New necessary to a choice.	169
Mr. Taft.	127
Clark.	152

John A. Page of Montpelier was elected Treasurer and Hon. Harmon Canfield of Arlington and Elihu F. Jewett of Montpelier were chosen electors at large. Resolutions endorsing the administration and pledging the support of the party to Grant and Wilson and to the gentlemen just nominated were carried.

Committees were appointed to wait on Mr. Stewart and Mr. Billings and invite them to address the convention. Stewart declined and Billings made a brief speech of which we give an abstract:

Mr. Billings said he did not go there burning with a desire to be nominated for Governor by the convention, but inspired with the truest enthusiasm for the republican cause and determined to abide the decision, whatever it might be. If the canvass had been conducted in an over sanguine manner it was not his fault—but the result of warm friendships. Certainly, said he, I have not contributed with my personal advice to it. I was prepared to withdraw from the canvass at any time when it should be thought desirable to restore harmony—and now to the result I submit without bitterness of heart or soreness of head. But for an unfortunate misunderstanding at the outset my name would not have appeared in the list of candidates. The question to be decided was as to the one or the two term policy for Governor. I believed the great mass of the people to be in favor of the one term policy. Whatever faults may have been charged to me, I do not believe among them to have been a desire for office. Since the day of the elder Chittenden, the first and most honored of the line, Vermont has had thirty governors. Among them all, not one could have desired the office less than I have, and none could have been more grateful for such an unsolicited testimonial than I. My regard for Vermont is none the less because it is not a great State. I have lived in greater ones; but this was the home of my early years. No son of this fair land could have been more proud of her history, her good name than I. No continent nor sea has ever been so wide as to separate me from you, nor induce me for a moment to forget my native State. To have been a child of Vermont; to have been reared in this pure air, and in this true and pure and Christian community is a priceless privilege. Wherever his lot is cast, no loyal son of the State can refuse to acknowledge his debt to her, or to defend her fair fame. As for me, when nearly half a score of years ago, I left the place of my sojourn on the Pacific, and set my face towards Vermont, to make thenceforth my home and abiding place here, it was with health so broken that I did not expect to live long now. Restored by the pure and wholesome air, of our green hills, I owe to Vermont not only life given, but life renewed.

Mr. Billings went on to allude with strong feeling to the kindnesses he had received, when a young man, struggling with poverty, for three years he had held office at the State Capital, and to the remarkable kindness which had been shown to him personally throughout this canvass. He took it as an added kindness that under the circumstances they should have called him into this convention and accorded to him so cordial a greeting. For all he returned his heart-felt thanks. He declared again his cheerful acquiescence in the verdict. He trusted that whoever had here an unkink word concerning him, would learn that there was no occasion for it. There must be no heart burnings as they separated.

Let us all, said he, go hence to lift high the banner of our noble party, to close up the ranks, and keep our State in her old position in the front rank of republican supremacy.

Let us part good friends. And through whatever changes of leadership and of parties, above politics, and parties, and private interests, let it be our infinite ambition to maintain the character of our State as a pure, upright, intelligent and Christian commonwealth. And may our State even abide strong in the faith.

Mr. Billings' remarks were delivered in a very effective manner and took the convention by storm. When he alluded to his affection for the state of his birth there was hardly a dry eye in the hall, and when he closed, "three cheers for Billings" were heard from every part of the audience, and were given with a will. The President of the convention remarked that he would rather be able to make such a speech as they had just listened to than to be Governor of any State in the Union.

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SENATORIAL NOMINATIONS.

As far as the County Conventions have been held, the following are the names of the gentlemen put in nomination for senators:

John W. Stewart.	262
Billings.	197
Stewart.	3
R. S. Taft.	1

The announcement of the vote was received with loud applause and cheer-

In Orange County—L. G. Blackley, of Chelsea, and Wm. H. Shedd of Newbury. Chittenden County—Geo. H. Bigelow of Burlington; John L. Mason of Richmond, and A. O. Humphrey of Underhill. Lamoille County—H. H. Powers of Moretown.

Addison County—Marshal Smith of Brattleboro, and J. W. Barnes of Ferrisburgh.

Windham County—Jacob Estey of Brattleboro, and J. L. Rathford of Grafton.

Windsor County—Charles M. Lamb of Royalton; Charles A. Scott of Plymouth, and Luther Adams of Chester.

Huntington County—N. T. Sprague, Jr., of Brandon; L. Howard Kellogg of Bennington and Henry C. Gleason of Shrewsbury.

Caledonia County—Calvin Morrill of St. Johnsbury; Charles Rogers of St. Johnsbury.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION.

Agreeable to call the Union Republicans of Bennington County assembled in convention at Arlington, July 2nd, and were called to order by L. Mansur, Esq., Chairman of the committee, who read the call and in behalf of the committee nominated Hon.

N. Millington of Shaftsbury, temporary Chairman, and he was elected. D. K. Simonds and J. H. Cushman were elected temporary Secretaries. Sixty-seven delegates reported themselves as follows:

Arlington—H. S. Hard, H. E. Canfield, J. G. Woodworth, J. K. Batchelder, A. E. Bartlett.

Bennington—S. F. Harris, H. G. Root, D. Carpenter, J. H. Woodward, D. Huntington, C. E. Houghton, Olin Scott, Barber Chase, M. G. Remington, G. W. Walworth, C. B. Sanford, W. P. Wright, Th. Jewell, Geo. S. Bradford, J. H. Cushman, Frank Blackmer.

Dorset—Ira Cochrane, Frederick Field, F. G. Harwood, H. B. Kent, G. M. Sykes.

Glastenbury—Not represented.

Ludlow—Isaac Davis, Jr.

Manchester—E. B. Burton, D. K. Simonds, C. Green, R. Ames, E. B. Smith, R. W. Dean.

Pownal—S. Wright, Wm. B. Arnold, Joseph Perkins, Green Brimmer, J. F. Padlock, B. N. Foster.

Shaftsbury—Martin Wheelock, Nathan Bottum, N. Millington, Myron Clark, Hiram Cole.

Stamford—J. M. Clough, J. W. Weld.

Sunderland—Geo. Carey, Paul Shufeldt.

Windham—Cephas Williams, A. P. Graham, C. C. Wheeler.

Woodford—S. J. M. Lenihan.

Readsboro—O. V. Bennett, Appollos Bailey, N. Sprague Jr.

Rupert—J. G. Burton, A. P. Sheldon, H. N. Bradley, Edgar Beebe.

Sandgate—W. S. Bentley, Crawford Woodward, Alf Beebe.

Searsburg—Nathan J. Wilson, Jos. Crosier.

On motion of Hon. E. B. Burton the delegates from Woodford and Langrove were empowered to cast the full vote of these towns.

On motion of J. K. Batchelder the temporary organization of the convention was made permanent. The convention then adjourned for dinner.

On reassembling in the afternoon, Hon. E. B. Burton moved that the convention proceed to the election of candidates and nominated M. S. Colburn as candidate for Senator, which motion was seconded by Ira Cochrane and A. P. Graham. J. G. Burton nominated Jonas Wilder, Col. H. S. Hard seconded the nomination of Jonas Wilder. A ballot was taken which resulted in Wilder receiving 22 and Colburn 44, and Colburn was declared duly elected.

On motion of Col. Hard the nomination of Col. Colburn was made unanimous.

O. V. Bennett nominated Silas Mason of Readsboro as second candidate for Senator. J. H. Cushman nominated Hon. Chas E. Houghton of North Bennington for the same position. The ballot resulted in Houghton 36, Mason 25 and scattering 6, and Houghton was declared duly elected. On motion of Mr. Mason the nomination of Mr. Houghton was made unanimous.

For first associate Judge P. Shufeldt nominated A. H. Judson of Sunderland and H. B. Kent nominated Col. I. N. Sykes of Dorset. The ballot showed 34 votes for Sykes and 25 for Judson. Mr. Sykes was duly elected. For second Associate Judge W. B. Arnold nominated M. W. Potter of Pownal, and there being no other candidate he was unanimously elected.

For Sheriff Mr. McLenahan nominated D. Crofut of Arlington, C. R. Sanford nominated L. Powers of Bennington. The ballot resulted in 40 for Crofut and 21 for Powers. For High Sheriff J. L. McCall was nominated and endorsed. The ballot was taken which resulted in McCall 22 and Colburn 44, and Colburn was declared duly elected.

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